

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Christophe RONSIN et al.
Title: PEPTIDE COMPUND DERIVED FROM A
SHIFTED ORF OF THE ICE GENE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, the applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as indicated. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked-up Version of Amended Paragraphs."

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 22 and ending on line 31 with the following paragraph: